



2022 Gahanna Swimming Pool & Aquatics Handbook

Welcome Back

The past two years have brought many challenges to every aspect of our lives. We at Gahanna Parks & Rec are so excited to finally get back to our roots and open for a summer of fun at the pool! We are thrilled that our new Splash Pad at the Gahanna Swimming Pool will be open this summer! The Splash Pad will be open for everyone, free of charge, before and after the pool season; as well as before the scheduled pool hours during the season. While the pool is open the splash pad will be offered as an amenity of the pool, allowing you and your little ones to enjoy the water, relax on our loungers, and enjoy a snack at our concession stand!

We're bringing back fun community pool events for the first time since 2019! Family Fun Nights, Dive-in Movies, and weekly food specials will be offered throughout the summer. We will also be extending our pool hours and our overall season, giving you every opportunity to soak up the sun. While the Gahanna Swimming Pool will still close for the season once Gahanna-Jefferson goes back to school, it will be open that Saturday (August 13th) for a final, back-to-school bash! The Hunters Ridge Pool will remain open on weekends through Labor Day, letting you enjoy the last few days of summer poolside.

Programming, including American Red Cross swimming lessons, recreational & competitive swim team, and diving will allow your children every opportunity to gain lifelong skills and confidence in and around the water, keeping them safe and giving you peace of mind.

Please read through this handbook as it states our pool hours, rules, rental rates, event dates, and more! Contact us at 614-342-4250 if you have any questions.

See you at the pool!

Chris Simmons, Recreation Supervisor - Aquatics



Hunters Ridge Pool | 341 Harrow Blvd | (614) 342-4269

Summer 2022 Pool Hours	Gahanna Swimming Pool	Hunters Ridge Pool
May 26 (Member Preview Night)	---	5:30- 8 p.m.
May 27 (Member Preview Night)	5:30- 8 p.m.	---
May 28-Aug. 9 Daily	12- 8:30 p.m.	11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
August 10	Closed for the season	---
August 13 (Back-to-School Bash)	12- 7 p.m.	---
August 10- Sept 15 (Weekends & Labor Day)	---	11- 7 p.m.



Gahanna Swimming Pool | 148 Parkland Dr. | (614) 342-4272

Pool Rules

General

- Only Coast Guard-approved personal flotation devices (PFDs) allowed. Backpack floats and water wings without chest straps are not permitted.
- Adults must be in the water within arm's reach of children who are using flotation devices.
- Mermaid tails are not permitted.
- Rafts and large flotation devices will be permitted in designated areas at the discretion of Aquatics Staff. Only balls made for use in water are permitted. Footballs, volleyballs, basketballs and tennis balls are all prohibited in the water.
- Do not sit, hang or play on pool ladders, lane lines, diving boards or starting blocks
- Non-swimmers of any age are not permitted in the deep water areas of the pool
- No food or drink is permitted on the pool deck or in the water.
- No outside private swim lessons or coaching is permitted by members or guests unless they have been pre-approved by the City of Gahanna.
- Lawn furniture may not be used on the pool decks.
- Lifeguards have the final say in all matters. Any guidelines deemed necessary for the safety and comfort of all patrons will be enforced. Aquatic staff have the authority to enforce all rules. Patrons who repeatedly violate the rules will be ejected.

Attire

- All users must wear appropriate full coverage swimwear (Lycra, spandex, or nylon) when entering the pool area. Please remember to respect others and wear swimwear that are appropriate for a family environment.
- No street clothing can be worn in the water. This includes cut-offs, gym shorts, t-shirts, bras and underwear

Children

- Adults must be in the water, within an arm's reach of children (ages 5 and under), at all times.
- Individuals must be 12 or older to enter either facility alone. Those under 12 must be under the supervision of a parent/guardian or registered provider.
- Swimmers under age 12, and those showing difficulty swimming, must pass a swim test before swimming in deep water. Lifeguards have the right to ask anyone to take a swim test at any time.

- Safety breaks are called 15 minutes before each hour. Adults may swim and children 3 years and younger may swim with a parent or adult guardian within arm's reach at this time. Youth ages 4-17 must exit the water.
- Swim diapers are required for children who are not toilet trained. Swim diapers are available at the front desk for purchase. Regular diapers are prohibited in the pool.
- Change diapers only in the restrooms.
- Children requiring a flotation device must be within arms reach of an adult or guardian ages 16 or older at all times.

Diving

- No diving involving swimmer's head rotating towards the board (gainers, inwards, backward jumps or any dive deemed dangerous by the Aquatics staff).
- Only one person on the diving board at a time.
- Make sure the diving area is clear before jumping into the pool.
- Participants must exit the area quickly to allow for next diver.
- Assistance of any kind will not be permitted. No "catching."
- No flotation devices, goggles, loose clothing and glasses on the diving boards.
- Follow all of the lifeguard's instructions.
- Free swimming is allowed in the deep end only with the approval of the lifeguard and when diving board is not in use.
- To ensure the safety of our members, all swimmers, under age 12, are required to pass a swim test if they wish to use the diving boards or deep areas of the pool.

Slide

- You must be at least 48" tall to go down the slide.
- Only one person may use the slide at a time.
- You must go down the slide feet first on your back/bottom.
- Participants must exit the area quickly to allow the next slide user
- Flotation devices, goggles, loose clothing and glasses are prohibited for use on the slide.
- Follow all of the lifeguard's instructions.

Pool Rules

Health & Safety

- Patrons shall not behave in manner that jeopardizes the safety and health of themselves and others.
- Users with open wounds or infectious diseases are not allowed in the pool.
- Purposeful hyperventilation and/or breath-holding is prohibited.
- Running, spitting, rough play, pushing, jumping, haphazardly, snapping of towels and abusive or profane language are prohibited.
- The following items and behaviors are not permitted in the swimming pool: smoking, alcoholic beverages, illegal substances, glass containers of any type, firearms and water balloons.
- All coolers are subject to search.
- Any person who has had diarrhea in the last 2 weeks in not permitted to use the pool.
- We encourage the use of life jackets for non-swimmers who are swimming with a responsible adult.

Crypto Basics

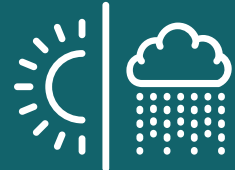
Cryptosporidiosis (Crypto) is a germ that causes diarrhea and is found in the fecal matter of an infected person. Crypto can be spread by either human-to-human contact or by swallowing water that has Crypto. Even pools that meet or exceed all the required treatment levels can be contaminated by someone who is infected. Symptoms may include: watery diarrhea, nausea and vomiting, abdominal pain and cramping, dehydration, weight loss and fever

To Prevent Crypto:

- Do not swim if you have had diarrhea. Do not swim for two weeks after you recover, as you may be a carrier of the disease.
- Do not urinate or defecate in the water.
- Take a shower or bath before going in the water.
- Wash hands with soap and water after using the bathroom, changing diapers and before eating.
- Change diapers in the bathroom and not by the pool.
- Take kids on frequent bathroom breaks and check diapers often.
- Don't swallow any water and keep it out of your mouth.



Weather Policy



- Rain and thunderstorms
 - The pools will remain open unless thunder is heard or lightening is seen. If either are noted, the pools and decks will be cleared with a 30-minute break from the last thunder or lightening. In addition, if heavy rain causes poor visibility, we will close the pool until it slows or stops and staff can safety guard the pools.
- Tornado watch
 - Aquatic staff will notify patrons should a tornado watch take effect (i.e. conditions are favorable for a tornado).

- Tornado warning
 - The Aquatic staff will notify patrons should a tornado warning take effect. During a tornado warning, patrons and staff will seek shelter in the restrooms.
- Delayed openings
 - If the temperature is below 70° or we are experiencing storms, both sites will remain closes. At 3 p.m. we will re-evaluate for a 4 p.m. opening of either one or both sites. If storms are forecasted to continue throughout the day, or temperatures do not rise, both sites will remain closed. Notification will be made on our website and social media outlets for all pool closures including: weather, special event, and unscheduled maintenance.

Less than 70° = Pool Closed

Swim Lessons & Swim Team

For Your Safety: Swim Tests

To ensure the safety of our members and guests, all swimmers, age 12 and under, will be required to take a swim test if they wish to use the diving board, or swim in the deep areas of the swimming pool. Any child who does not take or pass the swim test will be restricted from deep water but may still gain access to the shallow areas of the pool.



Swim Test Requirements

Each swimmer wishing to gain access to the entire pool area must complete the following test:

- Swim 50 yards without stopping in good form on their front side beginning in the shallow end of the pool.
- Jump into the water over their head, return to the surface, and tread water for 45 seconds in a vertical position with their whole head above water.

If a child successfully passes both components of the test, they will be given a wrist band. Wrist bands must be worn to access the restricted pool areas. New wrist bands may be obtained daily at the front desk from an Aquatics Staff member. Successful completion of the test will be noted on the member's accounts. (2 attempts max per visit to pass the swim test, one hour apart at least.).

We strongly encourage all guests to actively supervise their children at all times, regardless of swimming ability.

Swim Lessons

Gahanna Parks and Recreation will offer American Red Cross swim lessons for children and adults of all abilities. Lessons are available for children ages 6 months - 17 years old as well as adults ages 18+ and will be held at both pool locations throughout the summer. Lessons will be offered in two formats, once per week and two times per week. Participants must register for the correct level prior to the start of swim lessons. Open evaluations will be offered during the week prior to the start of each session. More information including our weather policy, registration information, fees, and specific class times can be found online starting May 1st.

Swim Team

Refine swim strokes learned in lessons, work on competitive swimming skills and enjoy the friendly, supportive atmosphere of recreation summer team.

Participants 11 and older must swim 25 yards freestyle and 25 yards backstroke. Participants 10 and younger must swim 25 yards freestyle and 25 yard kick drill. Paperwork and payment must be received prior to participating in practice sessions. Check online for full details regarding new operational policies.

Registration & questions to Hannah Zeltman at seahorses@gahanna.gov.



Memberships

About Pool Memberships

Gahanna Pool Memberships give pass holders access to **both** of the public pools: Gahanna Swimming Pool and Hunters Ridge Pool. Individuals must be 12+ to enter the facility alone. Those 11 and under must be under the supervision of a parent/guardian or registered provider. All swimmers 12 and under are required to take a swim test each season in order to use the deep areas of the pool. For more information about the pool, visit www.gahanna.gov/aquatics.

How to Purchase

Pool Memberships can be bought prior to the season in-person at City Hall, online, or over the phone. During the season, memberships can be purchased in-person at either pool location, online, or over the phone.

City Hall, 200 S. Hamilton Rd.

- Business hours, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.



Payment Options

Memberships can be purchased in full, or up to 4 installments, depending on the date of purchase. When choosing the installment billing option, the designated percentage of the total membership fee is automatically debited from a credit card or debt card on pre-defined dates. Below are the dates and percentages charged for each membership based on the purchase date.

April 1– April 30, 2022:

- 34% due at time of purchase
- 33% due on May 1, 33% due on June 1, 2022

May 1– May 31, 2022:

- 50% due at the time of purchase
- 50% on June 1, 2022

2022 Rates

	Gahanna Resident		Non-Resident	
Membership Type (see all guidelines above)	Early Bird until April 30	After April 30	Early Bird until April 30	After April 30
Single (ages 3–54)	\$144	\$160	\$167	\$185
Family (2)	\$225	\$250	\$247.50	\$275
Family (3)	\$270	\$300	\$292.50	\$325
Family (4)	\$292.50	\$325	\$315	\$350
Family (5+)	\$315	\$350	\$337.50	\$375
& Senior (ages 55+)	\$90	\$100	\$112.50	\$125

Special Events & Rentals

After hours private party at Hunter's Ridge Pool

	Member rate	Resident rate	Non-resident rate
Up to 50 guests	\$300	\$325	\$350
51-76 guests	\$350	\$375	\$400
76-100 guests (max)	\$400	\$425	\$450

Private Parties

After-hour parties are only available at Hunter's Ridge Pool from 8-10 p.m. and concessions sales will be available for the first hour (as requested). Contact the Department of Parks & Recreation at 614-343-4250 or parksandrec@gahanna.gov to schedule.

2022 Shelter Rates

	Weekdays				Weekends/Holidays			
	Rental time slots	Member	Resident	Non- Resident	Rental time slots	Member	Resident	Non- Resident
HRP Shelter Includes 25 gate entries	12- 3 p.m. or 3:30- 6:30 p.m.	\$75	\$90	\$110	12- 3 p.m. or 3:30- 6:30 p.m.	\$100	\$115	\$135
GSP- Large Shelter Includes 25 gate entries	12- 3 p.m. or 3:30- 6:30 p.m.	\$100	\$125	\$145	12- 3 p.m. or 3:30- 6:30 p.m.	\$130	\$155	\$175
GSP- Small Shelter (at front or back pool) Includes 25 gate entries	12- 3 p.m. or 3:30- 6:30 p.m.	\$50	\$65	\$80	12- 3 p.m. or 3:30- 6:30 p.m.	\$65	\$80	\$95

Special Events

Free or discounted admission for special events is included with Pool Membership

Taco Tuesdays

\$2 Walking Tacos included with memberships or daily passes.

Location: Hunters Ridge Pool & Gahanna Swimming Pool
Day: Tues (weekly) beginning June 7 **Time:** All day

Dollar Dog Nights

Come enjoy your Friday night at the pool with half price hot dogs! Pool membership or Daily Pass is required for entry.

Location: Hunters Ridge Pool & Gahanna Swimming Pool
Day: Fri (weekly) beginning June 10. **Time:** 4 p.m.- close

Family Fun Nights

Hours extended for Family Fun Nights! Our monthly themed nights will be a blast including our inflatable obstacle course, ice cream & food specials, music & games, and fun for the whole family! Free with membership or daily admission.

Theme	Day	Date	Time
Glow Night	Sat	June 11	6-11 p.m.
Classic Pool Party	Sat	July 2	4-9 p.m.
Location: Gahanna Swimming Pool			

Independence Day

Special holiday hours, poolside games, food & fun!
Day & Date: Mon, July 4 **Hours of both pools:** 12-6 p.m.

Movie Nights

\$2 for Member/ \$10 Family Max
\$5 Non-Member/ \$20 Family Max
Discounted admission begins at 4 p.m. for non-members.
Enjoy movie themed pool side games and activities.

Location: Hunters Ridge Pool	Day: Saturday
Time: 7 p.m., movie starts at dark	
Movie	Date
The Sandlot, PG	June 25
Moana, PG	July 30

Back to School Bash

Let's hold onto summer for a little longer! On August 13, we will have an afternoon of fun planned for you and your family including music, activities, food, and more! Free with memberships or daily admission.

Day: Saturday **Date:** Aug 13 **Time:** 12- 7 p.m.
Location: Gahanna Swimming Pool

Doggy Dip

\$5/ dog entry fee
Current tags for proof of vaccines are required.

Location: Hunters Ridge Pool
Day & Date: Sun, Sept 13
Time: 1-2 p.m. (small dogs under 25 lbs)
2-4 p.m. (large dogs)

Group Entries

Qualified, pre-registered groups may be eligible for entry discounts. For the safety of our patrons, all groups must be pre-scheduled and will receive a confirmation of their attendance and entry rates. All groups must meet supervision requirements. Contact the Department of Parks & Recreation at 614-343-4250 or parksandrec@gahanna.gov to schedule your group!